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State HAVA Funding Reports U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Avenue, NW – Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Commissioners:

Please find attached narrative report on HAVA Title I funds. If you have any questions regarding any information provided herein, please contact Lori Guerrero at 360-902-4169 or lguerrero@secstate.wa.gov.

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HAVA TITLE I FUNDS

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Analysis and description of activities

Title 1, Section 101 HAVA funds.

Washington State received \$6,098,449.00 under Title I, section 101 of the Help America Vote Act. As indicated in Washington's State Plan, the state shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- a. complying with the requirements under title III:
- b. improving the administration of elections for Federal office;
- c. educating voters concerning voting procedures, voting rights, and voting technology:
- d. training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers;
- e. developing the State plan for requirements payments to be submitted under part 1 of subtitle D of title II:
- f. improving, acquiring, leasing, modifying, or replacing voting systems and technology and methods for casting and counting votes;
- g. improving the accessibility and quantity of polling places, including providing physical access for individuals with disabilities, providing nonvisual access for individuals with visual impairments, and providing assistance to Native Americans, Alaska Native citizens, and to individuals with limited proficiency in the English language; and
- h. establishing toll-free telephone hotlines that voters may use to report possible voting fraud and voting rights violations, to obtain general election information, and to access detailed automated information on their own voter registration status, specific polling place locations, and other relevant information.

In accordance with HAVA and our State plan, the flowing activities have been funded:

- 1. Educating voters In accordance with section 4(c) of the State Plan. \$32,389.76 was spent on voter education and outreach.
- Election worker training In accordance with section 4(a) of the State Plan. \$937.50 was spent for training election officials, which will assist the state in meeting the requirements of Title III of HAVA.



- 3. **Acquiring equipment for counting votes** In accordance with section 3 of the State Plan, \$38,861.26 was granted to Pend Oreille County to purchase new vote tallying equipment. Replacing this equipment improves the administration of elections for federal office.
- 4. **HAVA Administration** In order to efficiently administer HAVA, \$36,366.26 was spent on HAVA Administration on the following:
 - wages and benefits for the HAVA Coordinator;
 - office supplies for the administration of HAVA;
 - training, conferences and travel for the HAVA coordinator;
 - equipment and phone bills; and
 - administration of the HAVA Grant Advisory Board.

<u>Title 1, Section 102 HAVA funds.</u>

Washington State received \$6,799,430.00 under Title I, section 102 of the Help America Vote Act. Funds provided under this section may only be used for the replacement of punch card or lever voting systems. Washington has sixteen counties that qualify for punch card replacement under this section.

The state was not able to meet the January 1, 2004 punch card replacement date and applied for a waiver. The state has ensured that all of the punch card voting systems in qualifying precincts in Washington State will be replaced in time for the first election for Federal office held after January 1, 2006.

In accordance with HAVA and our State plan, the flowing has been paid out of section 102 funds:

1. Yakima County received a grant for \$518,327.14 in August 2004 to replace their punch card voting system with proprietary voting equipment from Hart Intercivic. Since the total cost to the county was \$887,041.96, they may apply for a supplemental grant to cover the additional costs after April 1, 2005.

Number and type of articles of voting equipment.

Yakima County purchased 195 eSlate DRE units and 40 eSlate Disability Access units as part of their contract with HART Intercivic for punch card replacement. However, since HAVA only paid approximately 60% of the costs, equipment attributable to HAVA is as follows:

- 4 117 eSlate DRE Units
- 27 eSlate Disability Access units

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Other.

Prior to receiving the State Match and the Section 251 funds from the EAC, many HAVA related activities were paid out of section 101 funds. Once the State Match was appropriated and the section 251 funds were received from the EAC, Journal Vouchers were made to transfer funds from section 101 to the State match or section 251 funds. This will account for the \$89,289.43 difference between the figures reported on the SF269 and the Narrative.